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INFORMATION CONTAINED DEPTEL 4075 RE JORDAN WATERS PROBLEM CONVEYED TO [redacted] FEBRUARY 8. HE EXPRESSED APPRECIATION AND SAID IT APPEARED FRENCH AND OURSELVES HAD IDENTICAL INTERESTS AND SIMILAR APPROACH TO THIS QUESTION. HE REITERATED FRENCH IMPRESSION RE HARD LINE BEING TAKEN BY ISRAELIS ESPECIALLY LOCALLY. IT WAS LEFT WE WOULD KEEP IN CLOSE TOUCH ON MATTER. WE ALSO COVERED WITH HIM CONVERSATIONS REPORTED TEL AVIV'S 923 TO DEPT. (REPEATED PARIS AS 126) AND BEIRUT'S CFN 4481 794 65 37 22 8 5 4075 8 923 126

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781 TO DEPT (REPEATED PARIS AS 39). FRENCH INFORMATION ON ISRAELI AND LEBANESE ATTITUDES PARALLELS THAT REPORTED IN THESE MESSAGES.

WITH REGARD DEPARTMENT'S QUERY (FINAL PARAGRAPH DEPTEL 4085), [redacted] LEGAL EXPERT WHO COVERED POINT AT LENGTH AND INDICATED FRENCH POSITION ON THIS ASPECT WATER DIVERSION PROBLEM MUCH INFLUENCED BY ARBITRATION TRIBUNAL'S DECISION (GENEVA, NOVEMBER 1957) ON LAKE LANOUX CASE. THIS IS SMALL LAKE IN PYRENEES AND QUESTION DIVERSION WATERS FLOWING FROM IT WAS SUBJECT ARBITRATION WITH SPAIN. EMBASSY IS POUCHING FOR "L" DOCUMENTS PRESENTING FRENCH CASE ON LAKE LANOUX MATTER. FOREIGN OFFICE LEGAL EXPERT OPINED THIS PROBLEM SOMEWHAT DIFFERENT IN THAT THIRD PARTY INVOLVED (SYRIA) BUT BELIEVED GENERAL PRINCIPLES HELD TRUE.
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